

### LOCAL **BRIEFS**

### **All-You-Can-Eat** Spaghetti Fund **Raiser for Gridley Schools**

Gridley Elementary Schools PTA will host "Lady and the Tramp: Spaghetti Dinner (Dine-In or Take-Out) on Saturday, January 28 with doors opening at 5:30 p.m., at the Gridley Community Center.

All proceeds will benefit Wilson and McKinley Elementary Schools.

There will be a fantastic dessert auction, door prizes and activities for kids.

Tickets are adults \$10, kids 6-12 \$5 and under five free.

Contact a PTA Board member for tickets or purchase at the door.

### Tech Trek benefit is "French Bistro" **Valentine's Dinner**

AAUW and Women of the Moose of Gridley are hosting a "French Bistro" Valentine's Dinner Friday, February 10, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Moose Lodge.

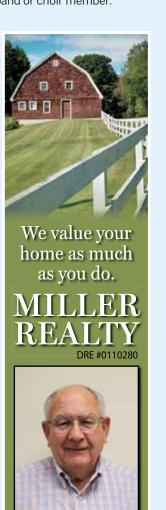
This fund raiser is being held to raise money for the academic scholarships to Tech Trek Camp for seventh grade girls.

### **Gridley High School's Noodles & Notes**

Come enjoy the great music of the Gridley High School Jazz Band and Choir Wednesday, February 8 at the Gridley Community Center while enjoying a fabulous pasta dinner and dessert auction.

Dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m.

Adults \$10, children \$5 available at the door or from any band or choir member.



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### Markle arrested in murder of 14-year old Vacaville girl

Cold case from 1982

The ending sentence of a January 21, 2015 Gridley Herald article on the 80 years to life sentencing of 50-year-old Marvin Markle, Jr., of Biggs in the murder of Shirley Pratt read: "Though our fight for justice is over and justice is being served, the fight for our family is not over until justice is served for De Anna Lynn Johnson," stated the niece of Pratt, Nicole Miller.

By Lisa Van De Hey Publisher/Editor

Miller and the rest of the Pratt family can rest a little easier this week with the news that Markle has been arrested for the 1982 murder of Johnson of Vacaville.

The Pratt family and Johnson's best friend at the time of the murder, Mary Borchers kept in contact starting with the "Rally For Justice" walks in 2012 and 2013 when friends of Johnson's traveled from Vacaville to walk the streets of Biggs to make residents aware they had a killer in their midst.

Over many years the 1982 Vacaville murder of 14-year-old De Anna Lynn Johnson was on local detectives minds after they heard from Vacaville detectives stating Markle lived there in 1982 before moving to



MARKLE ARRESTED FOR ANOTHER MURDER - Following the January 16, 2015 sentencing of Marvin Markle, Jr. for the 2001 murder of Shirley Pratt Vacaville Police Detective Matt Lydon told reporters he would interview several witnesses who testified at the murder trial that Markle had admitted he had killed a girl from Vacaville. DeAnna Lynn Johnson's murder occurred in 1982 when she was a 14-yearold returning home from a party. Markle was arrested this week at Kern Valley State Prison where he is serving 80 years to life. (Photo provided by Juniper Rose/Chico Enterprise Record from July 18, 2013 appearance where Markle was formally charged)

Biggs and was believed to be tencing in January 2015. responsible for Johnson's death

Law enforcement agencies of both Vacaville and this area shared information over the tending the 2014 murder trial maintaining his innocence.

A Preliminary Hearing was held August 7, 2013 after Markle was formally charged July 22, 2013.

Markle was given a life many years, with Vacaville Po-sentence on January 15, 2015 lice Detective Matt Lydon at- in Butte County Superior Court

a party in 1982 her body was later found within walking distance of her home.

Markle, now 51-years-old and in prison for Pratt's mur-

was an acquaintance of

**MARKLE** 

### New anti-bullying program a hit at Sycamore

By David Vantress Sports/News Reporter

Bullying has always been an unfortunate part of the school experience for some children.

And in recent years, it's become even more insidious, with technology making it possible to bully someone without talking to or seeing them in person.

But a new app aims to give both school administrators and students a new tool to fight bullying no matter how it occurs.

"Stop !t," an app that can be installed on both iPhone and Android phones, allows students to anonymously report incidents of bullying to

school administrators. The new program was recently introduced at Sycamore Middle School in Gridley, and according to assistant principal Cynthia Soares, it's been popular so far.

"It's another tool that can help us keep our students safe," Soares said.

A quartet of Sycamore eighth graders welcomed the new program.

"It'll be a good thing to have," Kennedy Tull said.

All four students - who will move on to high school next year - said they would use the app to report bullying if they saw it.

"Some kids may feel like they make themselves a target if they report it," Ally Marbenh said.

Damian Mendoza, another eighth grader, said anything that helps fight bullying is a positive step.

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A quartet of Sycamore Middle School students discusses a new cell phone app that aims to help fight bullying. From left are eighth graders Damian Mendoza, Ally Marbenh, Kennedy Tull and Lupita Soria (Photo by David Vantress)



BUTTE COUNTY FAIR BOARD - Butte County Fair Board trustees met Tuesday night for their monthly meeting with Outgoing President Tom Donati passing the gavel on to Ralph Wilkerson, who, like Donati, has served in this capacity before as a board member. Board members (Seated L to R) Fair CEO Steve Kenny, Leigh Ann Jones, Wilkerson; (Standing L to R) Amy Jernigan, Donati, Moria Vinay, Kent Albswede and new member Erin Junge-Dewell. See page 4 for a story on current work being done at the fair. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

### **DOKING**BACK

The following are stories that appeared in the Gridley Herald 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 years ago:

25 Years Ago (1992) "Candace Gregory CDF Division Chief."

Former Gridley Candace resident, Gregory, has become the first woman to achieve the rank of division chief in the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

50 Years Ago (1967) "Live Oak C of C asked to sponsor stadium."

Phil-Greyson lips appeared before the board of directors of the Live Oak District Chamber of Commerce, asking the Chambers support in sponsoring a Community Stadium in Live Oak. He said the land for the stadium, which would be used for care races, rodeos, etc., had been obtained and rezoned. If the chamber acts as the sponsoring agent, it could bring several thousand dollars a year that could be used for promotional projects and funds would be kept in the community.

75 Years Ago (1942) "Cooper receives \$6,199 Warrant for Butte Fair."

A state warrant for \$6199.82 for the Butte County Fair has been received by County Auditor Cooper. The money will be held by

the auditor for deposit to the state fund account of the fair upon authorization from the state controllers office.

100 Years Ago (1917) "Claims to found rich strike of cobalt and nickel."

A.D. Leroy owner of a large mine at La Porte, who is spending the winter at the home of Jack Wilcoxin in this city has made a rich strike of cobalt and nickle. According to Leroy this is the first time, far as he can discern, that these metals have been discovered in California. Leroy says that the cobalt is worth \$1.25 per pound and the nickle is bringing in \$.47 a pound. He said he has had many inquiries since making the discovery and can market the materials as fast as they can be minded.

125 Years Ago (1892) "Telephone."

D.J Matlock of Chico, representing the Sunset Telephone Company, wants to bring the telephone service into general use. It is proposed to have lines extended from Red Bluff to San Fransisco, with central offices at Sacramento, Marysville, Oroville, Chico and Red Bluff. It requires twenty telephones to be taken in each place. The telephone service is cheap and reliable and there is much hope that the plans proceed.

OROVILLE DAM LOOKING GOOD - Winter storms helped to fill Oroville Dam to near capacity. A houseboat was reported sinking at Bidwell Marina Wednesday, something that is not new for the marina workers with Lake Oroville considered the state's second largest reservoir. (Photo by Jon Crawford)





SYCAMORE JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Sycamore Middle School recognized students that are honorable in and out of the classroom this week with a special pizza lunch that included music and a presentation of certificates. The January Students of the Month are: (Back Row:) Johnathan Gonzalez, Harjot Gakhal, Kirk Cunha, Nayeli Fuentes, Rafael Cuevas, Juliette Silva, Luke Soares, Evelin Hernandez, Ethan Shirley (Middle Row:) Carla Zarate, Monica Garibay, Miguel Villanueva, Morelia Marquez, Ruben Anguiano, Britney Gonzalez, Kristopher Charlton, Emry Egan, Christian Benitez, (Front Row: )Samantha Silveira, Miranda Olivas, Esteban Cruz, Angela Gutierrez, James Plant, Annabel Kent, Isabella Alcantar Not Pictured: Anthony Hiestand, Avery Chavez, Jessy Ortiz, Jonathan Ibarra Vargas, Kayla Burr, and Roselyn Ramos.





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SNOW AT TABLE MOUNTAIN - Overlooking the city of Oroville, Table Mountain is a beautiful site whether it is in the spring with wildflowers or in the winter covered with snow. (Photo by Jon Crawford)

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### "French Bistro" Valentine's Dinner

The American Association of University Women, Women of the Moose, Men of the Moose, Eileen Burke-Trent of Dragon's Lea Farm will be holding a "French Bistro" Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 10, 2017, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Gridley Moose Lodge, at 1533 Highway 99 and Cherry Street. Served by volunteers from Mi Casa with Quota Club support.

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### OBITUARIES

### Eli Benneth Tanabe

Eli Benneth Tanabe, newborn son of Renee Tanabe and Gregg Rivera, went to Heaven to live with Jesus on January 21, 2017. Eli's short life and the miracle of children will be celebrated with a child friendly service at the Gridley First Presbyterian Church on Saturday January 28, 2017. The service will be at 11 am with lunch following. Even though Eli's spirit is with his Heavenly Father, the family will gather privately on Friday at the graveside to honor Eli's bodily temple.

Eli will be missed by his parents, Renee and Gregg, "big brother" two year-old Rylan Tanabe, sisters Madisyn and Aubrey Rivera, brother Jesse Rivera, grandparents Dwayne and Jenine Tanabe, greatgrandfather Ken Tanabe, aunties Bethany Oakley and Tiffany Tanabe, uncles Jacob Tanabe and Brandon Oakley, great-aunties Kandace Chinn, Marjorie Waters, Elaine Snow and Patti Poole. Many cousins and second cousins are waiting to play with Eli when we all meet again someday in Heaven.

The parents and family wish to thank all those who helped, supported and prayed for them and for Eli. Donations in honor of Eli can be made to Gridley Children's Hope Family Foster Agency or to the Gridley First Presbyterian Church.

### Elizabeth (Betty) Jane LaPoint Fowler



Betty Jane Fowler, 92, of Oakland and San Ramon, passed away on her mother's birthday, December 1, 2016.

Betty was born on June 11, 1924 in Chico, California to parents, Harry Ray LaPoint and Verona Frances Little. As a child growing up in Biggs, California, she developed a love of animals, which continued through her lifetime. Betty graduated from Biggs High School and attended Chico State and Arizona State Universities. In her freshman year of high school, Betty joined Rainbow Girls where she held all chairs and served as worthy advisor while attending college. She was a lifetime member of The Order of Eastern Star. Betty taught elementary school until she married Harry Fowler. They raised two boys during 13 years of marriage until Harry's life was tragically cut short in a car accident. With Harry's passing, Betty set out to continue her teaching career but instead accepted a position with Kaiser Permanente Hospital in their business office Oakland, where she worked for 26 years, retiring in 1989. Betty spent many years as an avid volunteer at Kaiser Hospital, the Oakland White Elephant Sale and the Oakland Zoo. She was active in bowling, waterskiing, gardening and crocheting. She played softball as a young woman and continued her love of sports becoming a season ticket holder with the Oakland Raiders and regular attendee at A's games on the weekends. Betty was a long time member of the Oakland A's Booster Club. Betty moved from her home of 64 years in Oakland to the Villa San Ramon where she made wonderful friendships and enjoyed playing poker and other social activities. Betty is survived by

her sons, Thomas (Susan) and David (Alison); grandsons, Mark (Karrah), Darren (Megan), Corey and Josh; great -grandchildren, Jack, Amelia, Brooklyn and Mason Fowler.

Betty will be interred with her husband, Harry, at Chapel of the Chimes, Hall of Memories, Chapel of Serenity, Oakland, California.

The family celebrated her life in a private

### Wilma Jones

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 3, 2017 11 a.m., for Wilma "Willie" Jones, 96 of Gridley, California at the Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. Willie passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2017 in Live Oak, California.

She was born on July 29, 1920, in Belfry, Montana, one of 11 children born to Lee and Grace Jones. She was a longtime resident of Gridley, and enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, reading, word searches and camping. She was a life member of Women of the Moose.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl Jones; son, Richard Jones, two brothers and five sis-

She is survived by four daughters; Carla Moss, of Elverta, California, Louise Allison (Howard), of Gridley, California, Paula Miller and Linda Shafer, both of Los Molinos, California; one brother, John D. Jones, of Chico, California; two sisters, Marion Sue Devoll, of Oroville, California, and Mardy Maude Wimmer, of Chico, California; 15 grandchildren; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Billy Gallagher of Calvary Chapel will officiate the

The family suggests contributions to the Gridley Moose Lodge or the charity of their choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

### Lozata Marie Tull



Lozata also known as Marie, Mom, Nana was born on October 31, 1930 in Arlie, Texas. In 1943 she came to Gridley, California with her father Marshal Upton, her mother Josie, her sister Maxine, and her brother Ray. They traveled to California on a troop transport train. Maxine (Mac), Marie and Ray all graduated from Gridley High School. Her sister Maxine married soon after graduation and moved to Humbolt County and on January 22, 2017 in soon had six children: Oroville California in the Jim, Charles, Hershal, presence of her children. Donna, Sherry and Wade. Marie was a force of na-Marie also married and ture that will be missed had nine children: A.J., Trudy, Tom, Debra, Son-

and Marshall. Marie trained and Gridley Memorial Hospital. She later worked for 35 years at the cannery in many friends.

ny, Laura, Rita, Freda,

Marie was always totally committed to her

children, grandchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and bingo. She was very proud of her brand new bright red Thunderbird she won playing Bingo in Colusa. Marie was an extremely strong woman and tried to pass that trait to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Marie never seemed to have less than a dozen children at every meal and somehow with what seemed like very little she created amazing feasts for everyone. Her house was always home for her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and any other child who happened to stop by. Many of those children considered Marie as Mom and there was no one better at it than Marie.

Marie passed away by all who ever met her.

A Farewell Funeral will take place at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery in Gridley California on Tuesday, worked as a Nurse at then January 31, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. All who knew Marie are invited to attend.

Arrangements Gridley where she made entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home (530) 533-0323.

The following are excerpts from the daily incident report of the Gridley/Biggs Police Department (GBPD).

The phone number for the Gridley/Biggs Police Dept is 530-846-5678.

Arrests and Citations

Sun. 1-22-17

At 10:58 p.m. Sheri Lyn Crippen, 37, of Paradise, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and driving without a valid drivers license at Magnolia St and Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.

Tues 1-24-17

DAt 2:49 p.m. Tanya Marie Fowler,

46, of Gridley, was arrested, cited released on a Butte County Sheriff's Office misdemeanor warrant on Kentucky St., according to a GBPD report.

• ĐAt 8:05 p.m. Jessica Nicolle Johnson, 34, of Gridley, was arrested, cited and released for traffic violations at E. Gridley Road and Larkin Road, according to a GBPD

At 10:40 p.m. Ethel Lorraine Stafford, 50, of Gridley, was cited and for driving on a suspended drivers license at Ohio and Sycamore streets, according to a GBPD report.

### Lions student speaker contest

The Gridley Lions Club is sponsoring the Student Speakers Contest for local youth, the first step in the 80th annual state-wide completion with a grand prize of over \$21,000.

This year's topic is "Is the Right to Privacy a Threat to Our National Security?".

Competition at the club level will be February 15 at 7 p.m., at the Lions clubhouse at 186 Washington Street.

One winner continues through several levels of the contest ending with the final round in June. Each level includes a monetary prize. At this first level with the Gridley Club, \$25 will be awarded for finalists and \$100 for the winner.

The contest is open to students, including foreign exchange students, in grades ninth to 12th grades in high school, charter school, private school, home school or independent study who must write and give their own speech on the subject. The speech must be at least five minutes long, but not over ten minutes.

To participate at the local level, contact Gridley Lion Mike Dahl at gandmdahl@hotmail.com or 846-3190 by February 10.

For more detailed information about the contest, visit studentspeaker.md4lions.org





DOING THEIR CIVIC DUTY - Gridley Lions Club members and volunteers conducted a Point In Time Survey Wednesday serving free hot dogs, potato soup and chili at Herman's Glass to the homeless community who visited to be counted so that Butte County has an idea where services are needed. Although Gridley's reported count was 75 two years ago, only 25 visited on Wednesday to be counted. Information from Cal Fresh and Butte County Public Health was handed out along with gift cards to either Safeway or Sav Mor, their choice. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

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### New president of fair board grateful for community

By Lisa Van De Hey Publisher/Editor

As Butte County Fair Board President Ralph Wilkerson once again takes the reins of the Board of Trustees he has many things to be grateful for.

Upkeep is of utmost importance for the 36 acre fairgrounds and with state funds being taken away in 2011 it has taken many volunteers to make sure deferred maintenance can be completed.

A recent grant in the amount of \$442,000 of course is a major stepping stone to seeing work completed at Butte Hall along with new electrical panels and lighting improvements at two barns, Expo Hall

"We continue to have the most beautiful fair in the North State," Wilkerson proudly exclaimed noting that it is the community who helps make this possible besides very hard working employees.

"We love our volunteers. Without them this fair would not be here today," Wilkerson stated with Fair CEO Steve Kenny adding "We have seen so much more volunteer help at the fair since 2011 when the need was expressed."

"We are completely dependent on community volunteers." Kenny added.

Wilkerson is happy that the fairgrounds is able to provide the necessary space and facilities for such large events as the annual Quota Tasting Event and Silent Auction, California Wildlife Association Dinner, the Nor Cal Dog Show, Deer Association and Farm Bureau dinners.

The fairgrounds are also rented for weddings and quinceaneras throughout the year.

The RV Park has been an added bonus for the fairgrounds with utilities of the fairgrounds covered each month by this added revenue, other than August during the fair of course.

A Community Service Day is being planned in the Spring with the same group of volunteers at the helm to bring many people to complete many projects including brush removal and painting of gates and buildings.

Jake's is currently being painted inside following the outside walls being painted last year by volun-

The Butte County Fair is set for August 24-27, 2017.

### **Thumbs and Roots**

By Barbara Ott

As I admire the strength of the vellow daffodils blooming in my front yard I do the usual thing when I see them and think I need to buy a bushel of daffodils and FILL my entire front yard with daffodil overload. I have quite a few more that will show up over time but these first ones always make me greedy for more right now!

I have a love/hate relationship with bermuda grass. Right now I hate it as it lies dormant all over my flower beds where it invaded in the summer. I let it get out of hand and now I have a lot of work ahead of me. Fortunately the ground is wet and that is helpful when ripping out five feet lengths of bermuda grass. The wet ground is also helpful when I dig down after deeply buried sections of root that are waiting and hiding. I love this grass when it takes little water to stay fairly green in the summer but I wish it would stay in the lawn and out of the flower beds. With a bit of blue sky, out I go to rip and tear.





With these cold nights upon us, here are a few safety tips to heat your home so you can stay

General Rules for Heating Your Home

- 1. Select heating equipment that is rated by the manufacturer for the size space you intend to
- 2. Have any installation done by a professional, if possible, and make sure all fuel-burning equipment
  - is vented to the outside.
- 3. Keep your heating equipment and anything that can burn at least 3 feet apart.
- 4. Have your heating equipment inspected
- and cleaned every fall just before heating season. 5. Never use or store flammable or combus-
- tible liquids near or in rooms with heaters. 6. Make sure your heating equipment is allowed in your community.
- 7. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your
- 8. Cooking appliances should not be used to heat a home.

Thanks and Be Safe!!

Gridley Fire Station 74

### Live Oak council discusses marijuana ordinance

By David Vantress Sports/News Reporter

The Live Oak City Council Wednesday night explored what to do to bring the city's marijuana laws in line with Proposition 64, the recreational marijuana legalization initiative approved by voters last November.

City Manager Jim Goodwin said the issue was brought to the council to get its guidance on how to proceed.

Currently, the city's marijuana ordinance is one of the most restrictive in California, completely banning the cultivation and distribution of marijuana within the city limits.

City Attorney Brant Bordsen told the council in a letter that it can still ban outdoor cultivation of marijuana, and recommended restricting marijuana cultivation to residential zones.

Council members expressed a desire to regulate the retail sale of marijuana in the city, as well as set some standards for hope to have it back for a



Live Oak City Engineer Scott Rolls addresses the Live Oak City Council at its meeting Wednesday night. (Photo by David Vantress)

safely growing the now first reading at a meeting legal product indoors.

A standard of six intime is provided for under the new state law.

Ghag was especially concerned about the safety issue, specifically the possibility that the need for possibly create a fire haz-

City staff will work on a draft ordinance and

very soon.

In other business at door plants grown at a Wednesday night's meeting, the council:

Tabled a contract to Councilman Lakhvir construct a new water well in the city due to a dispute from the secondplace bidder.

City Engineer Scott large indoor lamps could Rolls said he hopes the issue can be resolved and the contract can be back before the council for approval at its meeting next Wednesday night.

Granted utility easements for the construction of the new Dutch Bros. Coffee location on State Route 99.

Mayor Jason Banks was not present for the third consecutive meeting, calling in and participating from Goodyear, Ariz.

Vice Mayor Aleks Tica, who was just elected to the council this past year, chaired the meeting.

## Fire training in Gridley

By Lisa Van De Hey Publisher/Editor

Yearly fire training at the Kentucky Street cannery property was great experience for the 18 area firemen who participated this week.

Not only are the grounds a great area for the many simulated aspects to be displayed such as venting different rooflines, door entries and others, the large buildings are very conducive for performing search exercises thanks to the building owners who gave their permission.

Advanced training includes truck training and the classes are taught by local firemen.

The three days are well spent as it is evident that this training has been well planned with a group of firemen going from one exercise to another able to interact with their comrades as they share the information they have learned.

How to get through locks to gain entry is a vital part of the training as no two keys are really the same according to Engineer Roque Zarate. Cylinders and how locking cylinders turn were interesting to hear about along with tumblers and how the pins line up

"The Inforcer" is a large metal framed door that firemen used to break into with sledge hammers. The men learned how important hand placement is on the

tools to gain access and achieve the most power.

The week's training started out Monday in Durham on Highway 149 at Butte County's training facility, in Gridley's cannery location Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Friday back at the County Training

The 40 hour class included search, salvage, ventilation, building construction lecture, forcible entry training along with case studies on specific fires.

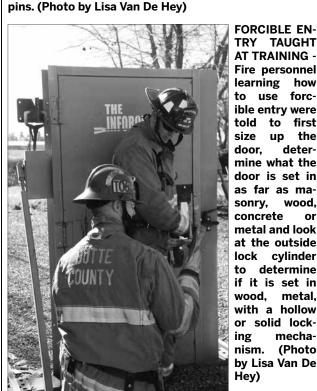
Fire Captain Sean Norman served as the class coordinator as he started this training program 10 years ago to further educate fire personnel.



ATTIC ACCESS TAUGHT - Firemen learned how to gain access through the roof of this simulated Victorian style roof, a common roof on Gridley homes and to the right, a more typical Gridley roofline. The training facility also has a flat surface to emulate flat buildings so that the firemen could practice on all three types of roofs. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)



THROUGH THE LOCK" - Fireman Roque Zarate taught fellow firemen how to again access "Through The Lock" which included removing a lock cylinder, manually manipulating a locking mechanism to get in and learning how a key works with spring tumblers lining up with



TRY TAUGHT AT TRAINING -Fire personnel learning to use ible entry were to size up the door, determine what the door is set in as far as masonry, wood, concrete metal and look at the outside lock cylinder to determine if it is set in wood, metal, with a hollow or solid lockmechanism. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

### **Blood Drive Tuesday**

BloodSource will hold a blood drive 2 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 31 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 400 Spruce Street. Call Cindy Scott 846-0298 for more information or to make an appointment.

Please eat and drink plenty of fluids. Minimum 110 pounds and generally healthy. Minimum 18 years old (16 & 17 with parental consent). Thanks to those who attended in November--we had a significant increase in the number of donated pints!

# County Assessor encourages residents to claim Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption

It's New Year's resolution time again and for many people, that means saving money and getting finances in order. The Butte County Assessor's office has an easy way for homeowners to do just that.

Did you know that there is an exemption available to people just for owning and occupying a home? It's called the Homeowner's Exemption. The only qualifications are that you own and occupy the property as your principal place of residence. The exemption takes \$7,000 off the taxable value so it saves about \$70 each year. You only need to file once and the exemption stays on the property as long as you do. You just need to notify the Assessor's office if you move without selling the property.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL - Sycamore Middle School's Vice Principal Cynthia Soares explained the school's new Anti

### **ANTI-BULLYING** FROM PAGE 1

"Reporting it and stepping in when you see it is the only way to stop it," Mendoza said.

Lupita Soria, another eighth grader, is new to the Gridley district and said she has been able to make friends here.

But she also wel-

comes another tool to help students who might be experiencing bullying.

The new program was introduced to both students and parents re-

Soares said response to the program has been positive so far, although administrators have had to work through a number of false reports. STOP-IT ANTI BULLYING PROGRAM AT SYCAMORE

MARKLE FROM PAGE 1 Johnson. In speaking with

Butte County Sheriff's Detective Jason Hale Wednesday he expressed his feelings about this case along with that of Pratt's which he never gave up on.

As he testified at Markle's sentencing in 2015, Hale had been a Patrol Deputy just three years when he was the first to arrive when Pratt's murder was discovered at the rock piles in the Oroville Wildlife Area off of Vance Avenue.

Over the years the

case was overseen by numerous members of the department and Hale was determined as a Detective he was going to Wednesday to Solano see this murder solved.

with the Pratt family," Detective Hale stated on Wednesday after hearing

just 17-years-old when attached to these cases,"

Johnson was killed he Detective Hale explained. was sent from the Kern Valley State Prison (Level IV Maximum Security) County to appear Thurs-"My heart goes out to day morning for a juve-De Anna's family along nile hearing in order to be tried.

keep people motivated Because Markle was to solve it. We become

In this case, two cold

cases were solved, the 1982 murder of De Anna in 2016 and the 2001 murder of Shirley Pratt in

The many members go to Superior Court to of law enforcement in Solano and Butte County "This was a lot of are to be commended of the arrest of Markle in work on all parts. It for their dedication and this case after so many means a cold case must drive to see justice for these two women never giving up until both cases were solved.



least three different times to make Biggs residents aware the person of interest in the murder of Johnson lived in Biggs. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)



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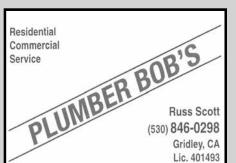
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Statistics Brain says that 34.6 percent of Valentine's Day celebrants in the United States dine outside of the home, making this day dedicated to couples one of the most popular days to dine out all year.

Dining out on Valentine's Day helps to make the day more special, and the following are a number of additional reasons why couples should enjoy a meal out on the town this February 14.

- 1. Embrace the chance to try new foods. Dining out gives individuals the opportunity to try new cuisine they may not attempt at home. This is a chance to expand flavor profiles and give something new a chance.
- 2. Enjoy creative plating. Many restaurants expend extra effort on presentation on Valentine's Day, dressing the plates with special garnish or with a unique presentation of the foods. Valentine's Day meals are often as beautiful to look at as they are delicious to eat. Experiencing such visual masterpieces can add to the enjoyment of the night out.
- 3. Enjoy a night off from cooking. One of the biggest benefits of dining out on Valentine's Day is enjoying an evening away from the kitchen. Heading out for a restaurant meal means no stressing over what to cook for dinner, no wrangling with ingredients and no post-meal cleanup.
- 4. Learn something new. Chefs and restaurants may pull out all the stops for a special occasion like Valentine's Day. Diners may learn more about exotic foods and wine pairings on Valentine's Day than they might when dining out on less popular nights.
- 5. Beat the winter blues. For much of the country, Valentine's Day occurs during a time of year when winter is at its most harsh. Wintertime can be isolating as many people spend increased hours indoors to avoid inclement weather. Dining out gives couples the opportunity to get some fresh air and dine in a social environment that can help buoy spirits.
- 6. Jump start other activities. Dining at a restaurant may be the precursor to other things to come on Valentine's Day. While out, couples may opt to head to



a movie, enjoy some local live theater or stroll through a museum gallery. A good meal can make for the perfect starter to a memorable Valentine's Day.

Dining out on Valentine's Day is a tradition that can benefit couples in various ways and make an already special holiday that much more memorable.





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### Bulldogs struggle, fall on road at Paradise

By David Vantress Sports/News Reporter

The Gridley High School boys basketball team had its three-game winning streak snapped on Tuesday night on the road at Paradise, falling to the Bobcats, 62-40.

With the loss, the Bulldogs fell to 8-12 overall (3-1 BVL).

The Bulldogs were able to stay with the Bobcats in the first half, trailing just 13-11 at the first stop and 30-22 at halftime.

But the Bobcats outscored Gridley, 17-7 in the third stanza to take control of the game.

Gridley coach Chay Dake liked his team's effort, but said it needs to work on playing team basketball.

"We're playing a lot of sophomores and juniors," Dake said. "We're learning."

Tyler Little led Gridley with 18 points.

The Bulldogs hosted Oroville on Thursday night. Meanwhile, the Gridley girls easily defeated Paradise, 54-27 at Farmer's Hall Tuesday night.

Stephanie Cardenas led Gridley with 18 points, also adding six steals. Gina Lockhart added 11 points, and Maddyson Tull was just short of a double-double with 12 points and nine rebounds.

The Bulldogs (15-5, 2-2) travel to Oroville on Friday night.

In other basketball action this week, the Live Oak girls easily defeated Winters on the road, 66-36 in an

Isabel Hernandez led Live Oak with 26 points.

The Lions host Colusa Friday night, while the Live Oak boys travel to Colusa.

The Biggs girls also easily defeated Esparto, 54-11. Megan Collins had a double-double with 17 point and 11 steals.



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Gridley's Braden Lenzer finds his route to the basket blocked by a Paradise defender against Paradise Tuesday night. (Photo by **David Vantress)** 

# Gridley's Randy Miller dishes the ball off to a teammate against Paradise Tuesday night. (Photo by David Vantress)

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